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Column One

By

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WE sit about with frayed nerves; or leap up and take our ill-humour out on police and Government — the oldest "Aunt Sallies" for the usual bad-tempered coconut-shiers. It is so all over the world and there is no reason why it should be different in Israel. Irritability, hysteria, rage, spouting high-flown class or national sentiments in between the cursing and the stone-throwing — getting nobody anywhere very much, but upsetting to everybody, until a man has no notion what to think: so it is. Mr. Begin may know what to think; and Mr. Ben Gurion how to keep a clear head. But the sense of it all is not clear to most of us.

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THE issue is a horrid one. There can be no one who likes the idea of taking money from the Germans: not if it is paid in even the slightest expiatory sense. The German debt to the Jews is unpayable. That is the issue. But to let that ill-starred nation go scott free without material penalty and the only kind of penance they understand cannot possibly do anybody any good and may withhold substantial help from the needy victims of the Germans. It looks like that to an outsider who would like very much to comprehend the rights and wrongs of it; but who understands very well that this is a matter for the Jews: only for the Jews: something between them and their consciences; but between them and their responsibilities, too.

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BY what distorted process becomes it a matter for violence and a kind of revolt? That is no use — except for the gloating of enemies. Violence has its uses, of course: revolution has something to be said for it, more's the pity; strikes are a fair constitutional practice, and it is sound political and social policy that lets men gather in the city square and talk their heads off and their hearts out for what they believe in. But all this talk of going underground, and of "experience in the breaking of bayonets," not because of great social injustice but because the minority has set itself up as the ultimate judge of moral values, like some fanatic sect, some wild-eyed Savonarola or know-all Cromwell — this is an exaggeration of the rights of the few. Its effects cannot be to make the few into the many.

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IT can be taken too seriously of course. Those whose sense of drama drives them underground to do what they can just as well do in the open can be tedious for a brief while but then are forgotten. It seems a pity to shoo them underground as if they are rebels already and to set against them unofficial vigilantes; and so help in the creation, far away from the original issue, of the mood of unconstitutionalism and even terrorism. Mr. Begin may mean what he says. There should be a sober way of judging that and an effective way of responding to it without turning the whole thing into a dog-fight between the Blacks and the Whites.

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AND Mr. Begin should know that good causes cannot be picked up at every street corner or devised out of every conflict of conscience in the affairs of a nation. One good cause — the life-and-death kind — is as much as any patriot can expect in a generation; or be worthy of: beyond that the constitutional way of influencing things is likely to be as good as any other and more effective, (if the occasion warrants), than most. It is better to be proven right by events than to be put in the wrong by bad temper; and in a matter like this issue, it is surely better to feel a temperate, cautious way than to strike tempestuous attitudes. For a ghostly multitude looks on; and who would dare to speak raucously in its name?

Tel Aviv, March 18.

Improved Food Outlook—Eshkol

Self-sufficiency this year in animal-fodder, vastly increased tobacco production and intensification of cattle-raising for meat purposes within the scope of the country's broadened agricultural horizons were indicated last night by Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Agriculture and Development, in the first of a scheduled series of Kol Israel broadcasts by Cabinet members on the work of their ministries.

This winter's bountiful rain and the prevailing mild weather were cited by Mr. Eshkol as factors which, together with the increase in areas under fodder cultivation, are likely to achieve independence in green and kernel fodder for the first time, at a saving in hard currency of over $10m. The anticipated self-sufficiency will permit resumption of incubation in henneries at the start of next month, he said, and should result in even further increases over last month's rise in milk production.

Noting that agricultural producers were among the first to be affected by the revised rates of exchange in the N.E.P., Mr. Eshkol revealed that paper credits and revolving capital have been secured to assure the farm seed supply.

A $3m. tobacco crop, involving a near trebling of last summer's 1,500,000 kilo. production, is envisaged this year, with land devoted to tobacco-raising reaching 50,000 dunams, on 2,000 of which Virginia tobacco will be grown.

The experiment to determine whether cattle-raising for part of the nation's meat requirements can be made economically worth-while — now involving about 200 imported head of cattle of various strains in four parts of the country — will be carried on intensively, Mr. Eshkol announced. Some 2,000 calves are to be added to the herd. According to the estimates of an International Food Organizaion expert, the Minister stated, 10,000 head of cattle could be supported here by grazing alone and, with extension of grazing areas, this number could be doubled. The fishing industry is to be expanded by one-third; and to this end 15 fishing vessels have been ordered in addition to the 18 motor boats which have already arrived.

Fruit production is expected to reflect a considerable increase, though it will be some years until the full impact of this year's vast planting activities is felt. In addition to the 14,000 grape vines and banana, olive and deciduous fruit trees which were planted this season, over 5,000,000 citrus saplings have been prepared for the nation's orchards.

Noting that the expansion of spring vegetable gardens, especially in young settlements, would result in larger yields, Mr. Eshkol added that increased minimum vegetable prices would henceforth cover full production costs. The new prices would especially affect tomatoes, potatoes and carrots.

Attack on Budget In Knesset Debate

By Moshe Brilliant

Dr. Moshe Sneh (Mapam) and Mrs. Esther Wilenska (Communist) yesterday called upon the Knesset to slash the defence appropriations, when the House opened a 20 hours debate on the Government's IL.168,450,000 ordinary estimates for the approaching fiscal year. The security appropriation, which will be somewhere between IL.45,000,000 and IL.79,100,000, will be adopted in secret by the Parliamentary Finance Committee.

Both Russophile speakers in the budget debate said that the Government was grooming the Israel Defence Army not to defend the country and its independence but to become part of a regional force which would attack Soviet Russia.

Dr. Sneh, who is a member of the Committee which will vote on the security estimates, said his proposals for a cut in the total appropriation would not impair the ability of the Army to safeguard Israel frontiers. On the contrary, he said, it would strengthen the army for this purpose by increasing grants for the fortification of border villages and increasing allotments to soldiers and their dependants.

Mrs. Wilenska criticized not only the large defence appropriation but also claimed that the Government's road building projects and the improvement of airports were designed primarily to serve the "imperialist" forces who were plotting an attack upon the Soviet Union.

Right-wing critics, Mr. Peretz Bernstein (General Zionist) and Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut), forecast that the rising prices and wages resulting from the recent fiscal reforms would compel the Government to print more money. Mr. Bernstein said the so-called "big business" had been the first to feel the drastic shortage of money while the consumers had not yet felt it. This resulted from the Government's action in putting surcharges upon stocks, instead of selling the goods on hand at the old prices as the Prime Minister had said when he introduced the Plan.

Workers Hardest Hit

Dr. Sneh said, however, that the wage earners would be hardest hit. Their wages will lag behind the rising cost-of-living both in time and in the amounts of allowances. "Wage-earners will lose through the N.E.P. and they'll have to pay income taxes on their losses," Dr. Sneh said.

Dr. Bader said the withdrawal of deposits arising from the shortage of capital would force the banks to turn in their Treasury Bills to the Issue Bank. When these reserves run out, the Herut speaker said, the Government will be forced to print more money.

Dr. Bader also pointed out that despite all the talk about dismissing 1,000 Government officials, the budget estimates showed that the number of Government employees had increased from 29,320 in the outgoing year to 30,227.

The General Zionist spokesman, Mr. Bernstein, announced that his party would propose the return of the estimates to the Cabinet at the close of the general debate. He said it was impossible to estimate revenue and expenditure when it was not known how prices and wages would be affected by the fiscal reforms. He was certain, however, that the proposed IL.34,000,000 reserve would be insufficient to cover the increases.

Mr. Bernstein also complained that there was no accounting in the estimates for the large sums the Government was collecting as surcharges on stocks in warehouses, the Government trading in wheat, rice and other commodities or the $65,000,000 grant-in-aid and the counterpart fund. He also reiterated his argument that unless the foreign exchange budget was made public, the House could not debate the estimates with intelligence.

On Budget

Mr. Israel Guri (Mapai), chairman of the Finance Committee, said the balance of payments had nothing to do with the ordinary budget. "It is good to know the foreign exchange budget and it should be known but it shouldn't interfere with the passage of the ordinary budget," he said.

An estimate of the inflationary gap was given during the debate by Dr. Bader. He said official figures showed that the national income was IL.529,000,000 and had increased since 1949 by 120 per cent. This figure was incomplete because it did not take into account an estimated IL.250,000,000 representing the turnover in the black market, he said.

Using electricity consumption figures as a basis, he said output had increased by 80 per cent in the same period, and the difference represented the inflationary gap.

Other speakers yesterday were Mr. E.M. Gutchowsky (Hapoel Hamizrahi), who asked for increased appropriations for religious purposes and Mr. Shlomo Lorenz (Agudat Israel), who talked against discrimination and bureaucracy.

J.A. Session Closed

The Jewish Agency Executive held its closing meeting in Jerusalem yesterday with Mr. Berl Locker, Co-Chairman of the Executive, reporting that the text of the Bill defining the legal status of the Zionist movement would be presented to the Cabinet for discussion. It would be tabled later in the Knesset, it was announced.

The expected discussion on the progress of negotiations between the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Drive did not take place, since the report by U.J.A. officials was not received.

Mr. Locker said that Mr. Eliezer Bavli, Acting Comptroller, had agreed to serve in that capacity until the Zionist General Council meets.

Mr. Zalman Shazar, of the Executive, reported on discussions with Poale Agudat Israel representatives regarding their joining the Agency, should it be enlarged.

Mr. Eliahu Dobkin, Director of the Youth and Halutz department, outlined a comprehensive plan for strengthening and widening "hachshara" abroad.

Since, with the exception of England and South America, "hachshara" faces a crisis abroad he made several proposals to improve the situation: training farms abroad with less than 20-25 members to be closed and training concentrated in larger camps, while "hachshara" to be continued in Israel; centring educational activities on the pre-Aliya age, and not on the Aliya age itself; encouraging professional Aliya.

Mr. Dobkin said that of the 1,100 professional persons in contact with his department, some 470 have already immigrated. He proposed widening the year of service project. Some 100 persons have already come under this scheme, he said.

Indianapolis Is Test Case in Bonds-U.J.A. Dispute

POST Correspondent

NEW YORK, Monday. — Mr. Henry Montor, Director of the Bond Drive, is making Indianapolis a test case for the right to sell bonds during the months when the local welfare fund demands that he keep out.

With Mrs. Myerson's approval, he has sent his right hand man, Mr. M. Steinglass, to Indianapolis to prepare a banquet to be addressed by Mrs. Myerson on March 30.

Mr. Steinglass told the press that the banquet would be held as scheduled, even if he were the only person there — and well he might be, since the leaders of the community, including the heads of the major Zionist parties and the Chairman of the Bond Drive have wired to Mr. A. Eban, the Israel Ambassador, imploring him for the sake of Israel and the Bond Drive to convince Mr. Montor and Mrs. Myerson not to sell bonds in Indianapolis during the UJA spring campaign.

Mossadegh Refuses To Retrace Steps On Oil Issue

TEHERAN, Monday.—Premier Mohammed Mossadegh today told a Senate delegation that he would not retrace the steps that led to his announcement last night of the collapse of oil negotiations with the International Bank mission.

He told them that if the Senate wished to remove him from office it could adopt a vote of no confidence.

The delegation is to report to the Senate on Wednesday.

The Bank mission has paid a farewell visit to Mossadegh. Mr. Hector Prudhomme, head of the mission, is leaving tomorrow on his way back to Washington. He will pass through London, but it is not known yet whether he will talk with officials there.

In London today, a Foreign Office spokesman expressed regret that the negotiations had failed. He said Britain will continue efforts to settle the dispute, but the next move may have to come from the Persian Government.

A cautiously worded joint communique, issued by the Bank and the Government later, left the door open to further discussions. It said "a measure of agreement has been achieved on some points, but unfortunately it has not been possible to reach agreement on several important issues." It added that the Bank mission will "avail itself of the Easter holidays to report on the discussions in Washington, and "will be ready to return to Teheran later if it appears further progress can be made."

(UP, Reuter, AP)

Swiss Oil Expert Here for Prospecting

HAIFA, Monday. — Oil prospecting in Israel is to be undertaken soon by a new company in which Swiss, American, and Israel capital is invested. The Swiss investors have sent as their representative Dr. W. Fehr, noted geologist, formerly in the employ of the Royal Dutch Shell Company, who arrived here today.

The promoter of the company, Mr. Y. Federmann, a Haifa industrialist, returned from the U.S. and Switzerland by TWA today. He told reporters at Lydda that local capital including that of the Mekorot Water Company and the Solel Boneh was expected to be invested.

Formal negotiations between the company and the Government have already begun, but conclusions await the passage of the new Oil Mining Bill by the Knesset. According to Mr. Federmann, it will take two years before results can be expected.

TRADE DELEGATION TO GREECE

A trade mission is expected to leave for Greece in about two weeks' time, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman announced in Jerusalem yesterday. No new development had recently taken place in the question of the exchange of diplomatic personnel, the spokesman told a press conference.

E. C. DISCUSSES CREDIT ISSUE

The problem of credits for business and particularly for agriculture was discussed at the second meeting in Jerusalem yesterday of the Economic Council under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister Mr. David Ben Gurion. The Council approved recommendations to give preference for the granting of credits for harvesting purposes and for the storage of crops, as well as the increase of land under vegetable cultivation by 20-25 thousand dunams.

Recommendations made by the Building Materials Committee designed to end the flow of materials to the black market were also adopted. It was resolved, however, that the recommendations (to be published later) should not interfere with legitimate building.

The Council also heard recommendations made by the price fixing and distribution of raw materials committees.

Herut Promises Quiet Demonstration

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Herut Party will notify the police of the manner and date of their anti-restitution demonstration, and also of the route it will take, a Herut spokesman said tonight. The starting point of the demonstration will be November 2 Square in Tel Aviv.

The Herut Central Committee said in a statement today that the aim of the demonstration is "to show that the mass of the citizens in Israel is opposed to any negotiations with Germany" and that rumours that an attack was planned during the demonstration were "a poisoned fruit of provocation or fear, or both." The demonstration will be orderly and silent, the statement added.

The workers will maintain discipline and a sense of responsibility during the Herut demonstration, according to a declaration of the Histadrut Executive today. The workers, however, will thwart any attempt to intimidate the State's authority and the Labour Movement will oppose any attempt at rioting in the city. The declaration said that Herut was not demonstrating for patriotic reasons but because that party hoped to regain by this action what it had lost in popular support.

INCREASED POSTAL RATES

Higher prices for postal and telegraph services become effective on Thursday, the Post Office announced yesterday.

They are (all figures refer to pruta): letters, 50; postcards, 30; printed matter, 15; packages weighing less than one kilogram, 75; registered letters, 60; special delivery, 90; and the first 15 words in a telegram, 225.

Gigantic Epidemic Sweeping China

PARIS, Monday (AP). — French diplomats have reported a gigantic epidemic of bubonic plague sweeping Manchuria and China, it was disclosed today.

According to official cables from Central Europe, Russian authorities have been recruiting doctors and nurses in Germany to help combat it.

Officials here pointed to Communist charges that U.S. forces in Korea have been using disease as a weapon and implied that the accusations stemmed from the Chinese failure to halt the spread of the disease. French officialdom takes no stock in the Communist charges.

U.N. Names 10 Open Cities In Korea

PANMUNJOM, Monday (UP). — Allied truce negotiators told the Communists today that they want the battle-torn cities of Pyongyang and Seoul, capitals of North and South Korea, respectively, open to inspection by neutral truce teams during an armistice.

The U.N. also named four other points of entry on each side which it wants open to observe traffic of troops and military supplies. The Communists, who excluded the capital cities from their slate, made no direct reply when asked whether they objected to opening Pyongyang to neutral inspection.

Meanwhile, the Communists charged that an Allied plane had attacked a clearly identified prisoner of war camp in North Korea yesterday, wounding an unnamed British soldier. Colonel Tsai Cheng-wen, Chinese Staff officer in the prisoner discussions, said in a formal protest: "Such continual murder by your side of captured personnel of both sides makes people doubt whether your side has a sincere intention to settle actively the question of prisoners."

He was referring to the two riots on Koje island in South Korea in which 87 Communist internees and soldiers were killed.

Meanwhile, Peking Radio kept up its propaganda barrage that the U.S. is using germ warfare in Korea. Two new charges were featured in today's broadcast. Mr. Boris Grekov, Russian historian, was quoted as telling a mass meeting of working people in Moscow that "even the Nazi invaders dared not use germ warfare, but at present the American invaders are committing crimes unknown in history." An investigating team of lawyers from eight countries "collected considerable material," the broadcast also said, in North Korea and Manchuria to support the Communist claims.

Bevan Says U.S. Not Fit to Lead

JARROW, Monday (Reuter).—Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the Labour Party's left wing "rebels," said here last night that U.S. economic and fiscal policies were "doing more damage to Western Europe than Marshal Stalin can ever do."

"I do not believe that the American nation has the experience, sagacity, or the self-restraint necessary for world leadership at this time," he told a crowded meeting here — Britain's worst area for unemployment before the war.

Western Europe was making a great mistake in allowing the intellectual and moral leadership of the world to fall into the hands of the U.S., he said. America had the most tremendous rearmament programme ever and "I cannot see any sense in it, and no one has yet tried to put any sense in it."

SHARETT WINS AWARD

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter).—The Israel Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, won the Stephen Wise award for 1951 from the American Jewish Congress today.

85% of German Foreign Ministry Staffed by Nazis

BONN, Monday (AP). — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Government tonight was accused by a German radio commentator of having staffed its new foreign service 85 per cent with former Nazis — "more Nazis than the Foreign Ministry had even under Hitler."

Dr. Adenauer is Foreign Minister as well as Chancellor. The presence of former Nazi Party members in the new Ministry has been the subject of recurring political and press criticism. So strong had this become that the Federal Parliament appointed a special committee to investigate. The committee is still working.

The Government had dodged a formal reply to its critics on the grounds that it did not want to prejudice an issue now under parliamentary investigation.

The latest attack on Dr. Adenauer's foreign service came from Mr. P. Helmut Hammerschmidt, a commentator for the Bavarian Radio, and was broadcast over that network. He alleged that not only were 85 per cent of the new Foreign Ministry personnel former Nazis but most of them served under Hitler.

This was a "scandal," Mr. Hammerschmidt said, "because documents produced at the Nuremberg war crimes trials showed that at least the top personnel of the Nazi Foreign Ministry knew about the slaughter of the Jews."

He charged that some officials in the Foreign Ministry had worked on orders connected with Hitler's Jewish pogroms in occupied countries.

Such people, the commentator asserted, should have no place in the new Foreign Service.

West's Reply to Soviet Note To Incorporate Bonn's View

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The Western powers' reply to the Soviet note proposing four-power talks on German unification is expected within a few days. Relevant discussions are now taking place here and a draft is almost ready for approval.

Bonn is not only being kept informed but its views will largely be incorporated in the Western reply. This applies particularly to the question of holding free elections in the Eastern Zone, a point not specifically mentioned in the Soviet note but apparently not ruled out.

The seriousness with which the Soviet proposals are regarded is evident from Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's guarded welcome. It is felt that for the first time since the war the Russians may be in earnest. Both the Western powers and the Germans will, however, insist on free elections as a condition of German unification, and agreement might break down on this point.

A paradoxical note has been introduced by Adenauer's refusal of the Soviet offer of limited German rearmament, which is regarded here as a bait extended to German nationalists. The Chancellor's argument that Germany cannot afford to rearm on an irrational scale but only in partnership with others is calculated to infuriate German Communists and ex-Nazis, to whom the Soviet note is impartially addressed.

Warning Against German Treachery

NEW YORK, Monday (UP).—Mr. James F. Warburg, widely known writer on international relations, said in a letter to the Editor of the "New York Times" yesterday that the ultimate consequence of the London and Lisbon conferences is "either a third world war or a Europe dominated by a renewed German-Russian alliance..."

"The alternative still open to us is to negotiate with Russia about the future of Germany before a rearmed Germany takes its future — and ours — into its own hands... What happened there (London and Lisbon) was that Germany was pacified by the assurance she would ultimately get what she wanted now. In effect, this amounted to a fateful decision to buy German military cooperation at the price of ultimate German hegemony on the continent," he said.

Mr. Warburg warned that "no French Government will be able to sell this bill of goods to the French people."

He claimed that the consequences of the present policy are clearly predictable: a rearmed Germany will become a dominant power on the continent, intent on unification and the return of its lost provinces. It will pursue this aim by any and all means and may drag the Western alliance into a war with Russia or it may sell out to Russia provided Russia sells out the Poles.

Israel Delegation Confers In London on German Talks

LONDON, Monday (INA). — The Israel delegation to the German talks and representatives of the Conference of Jewish Claims held their first meeting here this morning to put finishing touches to arrangements for the conference in Brussels.

It has been reaffirmed that no Jewish political leaders will participate in the delegation to the conference, whose membership is not yet finally agreed upon.

As plans stand at present, experts will present detailed and specific demands when the delegation meets the Germans. Legal experts may then be called to make out a legal case.

The talks under way here are being held in the strictest secrecy, but a communique is expected at the end of the meetings.

Additional $14.5m. U.S. Grant-in-Aid

The release of an additional $14.5m. of American grant-in-aid funds has been recommended to Washington by Mr. Bruce McDaniel, U.S. Technical Co-operation Administrator, it was announced yesterday. Both the Israel Government and the T.C.A. delegation in Israel have approved the release, it was said.

The overall sum will be allocated as follows: $3.5m. for agriculture, including seeds, fertilizers, fodder, and plant protection materials; $4.75m. for crude oil; and $6.25m. for food, including wheat, flour, oil seeds, and milk powder.

Decisions on Students

All students abroad will be given the opportunity to finish the current school year, it was decided yesterday by the Ministerial committee for student affairs which met under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Ben Gurion.

In addition, students studying essential subjects not taught here, or those distinguishing themselves, will be permitted to continue their studies next year.

The decisions were made conditional on the parents paying part of the difference between the old and new exchange rates, with the remainder being loaned to the parents from a special governmental fund. A special inter-ministerial committee will determine which subjects are essential, it was said.

RADEMACHER JAILED

NUREMBERG, Monday (Reuter).—Franz Rademacher, who had been in charge of Jewish Affairs in the Nazi Foreign Office, was today sentenced to three years and five months imprisonment by a German court here on war crimes charges. The prosecution had demanded life imprisonment.

HAIFA TAXES RAISED

HAIFA, Monday. — The Town Council tonight passed a temporary two month budget with an expenditure increase of 40 per cent over the same period last year, and raising the general rate by 50 per cent and property tax by 25 per cent, after the Mayor warned that if the administration did not get a mandate for its budget they would ask the electors to vote a new Council.

Egyptian 'Socialist' Party Leader Given Prison Term

More Jailed for Cairo Riots

CAIRO, Monday. — Ahmed Hussein, lawyer and leader of the extreme Socialist Party formerly known as the Greenshirt Fascists, was sent to prison for 18 months today for articles held to be offensive to King Farouk.

He was acquitted on a charge of instigation of a coup d'etat to overthrow the monarchy and the established social order. Hussein is still to face another charge of participating in the "Black Saturday" riots of January 26. Hussein took an active part in the war against Israel.

Hussein's assistant, Abdel Khalek Takeya, editor of the "Misr el Fatat," was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on the same charge of *lese majeste*. The editors of two other newspapers, "El Liwah el Misri" and "Al Ishtirakiah," were acquitted.

A military court here also sentenced four persons to seven years' imprisonment for setting fire to the Groppi l'Americain buffet-bar during the Cairo riots. Two 18-year-old youths who were so sentenced were told by the court that only their extreme youth prevented them from receiving heavier penalties. Two workers also received seven-year sentences each, and one soldier was acquitted.

Meanwhile, three senior police officers were transferred from Cairo to the provinces for neglect of duty during the riots. Each was fined in addition.

India Mediation In Indo-China Denied

NEW DELHI, Monday (Reuter). — An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman today denied press reports that Vietnamese personalities had approached the Indian Government to sound the possibility of Indian mediation in the Indo-China war.

The reports were "completely without foundation," he said.

M. Claude Clement, who commanded the French Union Forces in Hoabinh until their withdrawal three weeks ago, last night said the French withdrawal was a victory not a defeat.

Urges End of War

Broadcasting from Saigon, he appealed to the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi Minh, "why not stop this bloodshed of your youth and ours?"

Two Vietnamese, including a girl aged twelve, were killed by grenades thrown among a crowd of dockers in Saigon's Chinatown on Saturday, police announced today.

Thirty other Vietnamese and several French, including one woman, were injured, several of them seriously.

The dockers were celebrating the festival of the Goddess of Waters and praying for the safety of dockers in junks when the grenades were thrown.

NO COMMENT

LONDON, Monday (AP). — Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden avoided committing himself in Parliament today on the subject of British-Egyptian negotiations.

A Labour Member of Parliament asked Mr. Eden what steps he was taking to open the negotiations with Premier Hilali Pasha. He replied: "We are in contact with the Egyptian Government through the usual diplomatic channels, but I have no statement I wish to make on this subject at the moment."

IRAQ LOCUST MENACE

The locust menace in Iraq is at present more serious than at any time during the last ten years, ANA reported yesterday. Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon and Saudi Arabia were also stated to be in great danger of a mass invasion of locusts.

SHOTS EXCHANGED WITH SYRIANS

An Israel patrol exchanged fire with a party of Syrian irregulars which crossed the border at Suk el Tahtani south of Dafne in Northern Israel at 10.45 on Sunday night, an Army spokesman stated in Tel Aviv yesterday.

A strong protest has been lodged with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Cables in Brief

WOMAN. — Burma's new Cabinet includes the first woman Minister ever, Mrs. Ba Maung Chain, Minister for Karen Affairs.

OPEN. — Nicosia airport, Cyprus, was declared open again yesterday for four-engined aircraft, after three months of intensive repairs to the runway.

EXCHANGE. — Yugoslavia and Ethiopia have agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives, it was announced yesterday by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug.

TROUBLE. — Two hours after taking off for Lydda on Sunday night, an airliner which had developed engine trouble jettisoned its petrol and turned back to London airport, where it landed safely.

TESTS. — U.S. Army research teams will begin tests on 1,000 Korean veterans this week to determine if primaquine, the new anti-malaria drug, can prevent attacks of clinical malaria.

ELECTION. — A national convention reelected Premier Yoshida as President of the Japanese Liberal Party yesterday.

GAS. — Thick fog was yesterday hindering efforts to control an enormous rush of natural gas bursting out of the ground at Zwerndorf, about 60 kms. east of Vienna, where a Soviet group is drilling for oil.

IMMORALITY. — French Cardinals and Archbishops yesterday called on all Christians to resist the "wave of immorality which is threatening the purity of French youth, marital faithfulness and public morals."

EXERCISES. — The Atlantic Pact's Southern Command yesterday started four-day exercises in the Treviso area of North-East Italy in order to develop coordination between the ground and air units.

ACCIDENT. — At least 30 people were feared to have been killed in a fall of rock at Freddies North Gold Mine in the Orange Free State on Sunday.

LANDSLIDE. — The inhabitants of Mount Jaufa', one of the hills on which Amman is built, were on Sunday warned by the police to evacuate their houses since there was acute danger of a landslide.

PLANES.—Three major Japanese dailies, "Mainichi," "Ashai" and "Yomiuri," are at present buying aeroplanes for the needs of their services.

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"BECHIRA" PASSOVER DAINTIES

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A SECTION of the Weizmann Forest is being dedicated today by the Keren Kayemet to the memory of Field-Marshal Jan Christian Smuts. The grove of 33,000 trees — 25,000 subscribed by South African Jewry and 8,000 by British Jews — will be a fitting tribute to the great soldier and statesman who saw, as he said, "these bare hills when Allenby and I rode over the hill country of Judea in the First World War. They must have been covered once with the fig and the olive and the vine. They must remain bare no longer."

HISTORIC JUSTICE

Although he did not live to return to this country after the creation of the State, in his last years Field-Marshal Smuts, one of the architects of the Balfour Declaration, saw the rebirth of Israel as a great symbol of hope for the future. "Looking back now after 30 years (he recalled in 1949) most of what we dreamed of and worked for in the First World War has disappeared. Its main redeeming vision, the League of Nations, is no more. The Balfour Declaration, on the contrary, has borne fruit and led to one of the most amazing developments in all human history. I believe with all my heart in historic justice, however long delayed."

The Smuts Wood will stand as a living reminder of Israel's great friend who, as Dr. Weizmann once said, "stood with us from the beginning of the great venture, in good days and bad. His deep faith and wisdom were a source of strength to us in all those critical years."

The message with which General Smuts closed his last public speech in England just before his death attests to this faith and wisdom. His words are as relevant today as they were two years ago:

> The unconquerable reserve of man is his resolution, his determination to win through at all costs. And once the peoples of the West wake up their minds to sacrifice minor comforts and benefits, a wide prospect of fulfilment will stretch out before them. The peoples of the West have reached this stage of decision in the post-war period, when the acquired gains of entrenchments and securities may have to be jettisoned in order that the ship itself may be saved. Such an all-out effort was made in the Battle of Britain, and repeated in the resurrection of Israel. I bracket them together as among the human highlights of our epoch. Let us repeat that supreme effort in a spirit of readiness to lose all in order to win all, and our civilisation will enter upon perhaps its most glorious epoch of history. We thank Israel for having once more reminded us of that last, that only way to salvation.

Readers' Letters

To the Editor of The POST

"EXCESSIVE BUYING"

Sir,—I was glad to note in an article in your edition of March 12 that more frozen fish has been ordered and that the present shortage was due to "excessive buying."

But I can hardly see how this "excessive buying" could be avoided. White cheese has practically disappeared from shops. Leben has become short too and—at least at our shop—no eggs have yet been distributed for March, which makes the supply of eggs lag two weeks behind.

Yours, etc.,
L.N.

Haifa, March 13.

Entertainment

JERUSALEM

11.30-12.30 Film Shows of Israel, Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

7 & 9.30 p.m. "Li-La-Lo News", Li-La-Lo Theatre, Jascha Heifetz Hall. 8 p.m. "Of Mice and Men", Chamber Theatre, Mugrabi Hall.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS (6.30 & 8.30)
ARMON: Adam's Rib.
EDEN: Inside Straight.
EDISON: Sleep My Love.
ORION: Dallas.
SEMADAR: Nancy Goes to Town.
STUDIO: Alice in Wonderland.
ZION: Stage Fright.

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for half days during the Passover Holidays (April 1-16). Children from 5-14 years of age may take part.

Gymnastics, sports, games, swimming, cultural activities, folk dancing etc.

Registration and particulars daily from 4-6 p.m. at the Maccabi Office, Rehov Herzl, HAIFA.

Yesterday's Press Review

Gov't Role in Zionist Status Pact Unclear

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) finds that in the agreement on Zionist status reached by the Government and the Jewish Agency Executive, only the obligations of the Jewish Agency are mentioned while the Government's role in striving for collaboration with the Zionist Movement, is not indicated. Mapam will continue to demand a truly independent status for the Agency, based on wide powers, the paper says.

Commenting on the competition between the Independence Bond Drive and the United Jewish Appeal, "Haaretz" (Independent) says that it is the personal ambition of Mr. Montor that the Loan should succeed. It is believed, the paper says, that the Loan drive will cause a 20 per cent drop in the sums collected by the Appeal. If, however, Mr. Montor is given a free hand it must be feared that the loss will be much larger. Under the circumstances it is surprising that the Government has supported him and perhaps continues to give him unlimited support. "Haaretz" expresses fear lest the harm done to the U.J.A. cannot be compensated from any other source.

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Movement) also stresses the need for maximum cooperation between the two fund raising bodies, both of which are equally important to this country.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) again criticizes the reparation talks with Germany and the Herut preparations for demonstrations. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) dwells at great length on the Communist protest demonstration in Tel Aviv, in which it claims thousands participated. (Other papers report that only 150-200 persons took part in the demonstration).

"Herut" says that the Government is sabotaging both the soul and the body of the people as evidenced in the case of the former by the decision to negotiate with Germany on reparations, and the latter by the systematic starvation policy which was criticized by the Israel Medical Association recently.

Boom Crops Expected

REHOVOT, Monday. — A bumper grain (*falha*) crop, resulting from improved cultivation methods, and a seven-fold increase in maize are expected this year by southern farmers who met here today. The farmers also reported they expected a good crop of fodder for poultry.

Ministry of Agriculture officials told them that they would have to provide their own pulse seeds in future as Government purchases of seeds abroad would cease next season. The country is already self-sufficient in the production of corn seeds.

As a precaution against the possibility of field fires, southern farmers are to dig ditches around their crops and store water. They will have four fire-fighting jeeps at their disposal.

CORRECTION

In our report on the case of the Haifa gynaecologist Dr. Moshe Horowitz, the statement attributed by a witness, Dr. B. Newman to him, should have read: "I don't know what happened. I was not drunk." Dr. Newman also stated that the "Health Ministry does not take steps to find doctors performing abortions in the way police look for black market offenders," and not as reported, the errors having been caused by a faulty telephone connection.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 482 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.1 & 522 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Requests (R). 11.30 Housewives Corner. 12.05 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 At the Opera (R). 1.05 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

6.00 p.m. Music (R). 6.30 Variety. 6.45 Piano Recital Hanan Winternitz. 6.55 Language Corner. 6.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Music (R). 7.35 Sports. 7.40 "Noah's Ark." 8.20 Bible Reading. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Nadia Ettinger-Reichert. Fantasy on Karszewski's Song "Agadath Kinereth" (Lavri). Piano Concerto No. 2 (Saint-Saëns). "Le Tombeau de Couperin" (Ravel). Symphony No. 102 (Haydn). 10.30 Requests. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 228, 277, 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Interlude. 5.30 Science Studio. 5.50 Story. 6.00 Consumers' Cooperatives. 6.15 Close Down.

The [illegible] NATIONAL
OPERA

TEL AVIV — Habimah
Today, March 18 — at 8.30 p.m.

'Fledermaus'
(THE BAT)
Operetta in 3 acts by Johann Strauss

PETAH TIKVA — Hadar
Thursday, Mar. 20 — 8.30 p.m.
NATHANYA — Sharon
Monday, Mar. 31 — 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA — Armon
Thursday, April 3 — 9 p.m.

Carmen
Opera in 4 acts by Bizet
[illegible]
EDIS DE PHILIPPE
[illegible]
Conductor: G. SINGER
[illegible]

Today's Post Bag

WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Canaan	[illegible]	4	9	9
Nahariya	[illegible]	13	22	20
Tel Aviv Port	[illegible]	14	18	16
Lydda Airport	[illegible]	6	17	17
Jerusalem	[illegible]	6	10	10
Beersheba	[illegible]	7	—	17

Forecast: Partly cloudy to cloudy, with occasional showers.

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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391 immigrants are due in the s.s. Atzmaut from Marseilles today.

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A total of IL.[illegible] was spent by the Jewish Agency and Keren Hayesod from 1948 to 1951 for the transfer and absorption of immigrants. Settlement costs, mainly for new immigrants, totalled IL.[illegible] in this period.

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10 more houses for the Norwegian village near Nathanya arrived yesterday in the s.s. [illegible].

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All Tel Aviv bound trains were searched yesterday by Economic Police who seized hundreds of eggs, large quantities of poultry, margarine, almonds, peanuts, American cigarettes, and vegetables. A number of persons were detained.

J'lem Electricity Breakdown

A breakdown yesterday in the transformer station in the Givat Shaul quarter of Jerusalem caused a temporary disruption in the city's power supply. Following repairs, service returned to normal.

A spokesman for the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation reported yesterday that a large number of consumers in the Rehavia quarter were violating power restrictions by using electric heaters during the prohibited hours. These heaters may not be used from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Violators will have their supply cut off, the company spokesman said.

HIGHER PRICES

Higher prices for several basic commodities become effective today, it was announced yesterday. The new prices reflect increased costs caused by the new exchange rate, and rises in the cost of labour, transport, and marketing, it was said.

They are (all figures refer to pruta a kilogram): salt, 50; biscuits, 300; milk biscuits, 480; and frozen herrings from Turkey, 350. In addition, yeast cakes will cost 32 pruta each, and other cakes 37 pruta each.

New prices for oranges and grapefruit, lemons, cabbage, and radishes, which will be 75, 90, 150, and 110 respectively, will go into effect during the present week. In addition, a glass of orange juice will cost 45 pruta.

Valencia oranges, which will be marketed next week, will sell for 100 pruta a kilogram.

MILK RATION

The milk ration for adults will be increased from three to four litres monthly effective March 18, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced yesterday.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — Coffee and/or tea, Lamed 43 and 44. Eggs, 4, Zayin 18. Carrots, 250 grams, Yud 36, temporary 46, zone 10. Cabbage, 250 grams, Kaf 15, zones 1-5 and 8-11. Green Onions, 100 grams, Kaf 44, zones 3, 8. Cauliflower: 250 grams, Kaf 14, zones 6, 8, 9.

HAIFA and SAMARIA — Eggs, 4, Zayin 18. Butter, 200 grams, Kaf 42 (Aleph); 100 grams, Zadi 41 (Bet); 50 grams, Peh 41, Tet 11 and Ayin 11 (Gimel, Dalet and Heh). Meat: Expectant mothers, 1 kilo, Kaf and Lamed (5 and 6 new cards); butter, 200 grams. Eggs, 8, Dalet 4 (19 new cards). Bananas: 1 kilo (Aleph), 250 grams (Bet, Gimel, Dalet and Heh). Yud 28, temporary 47. Cabbage: 250 grams, Kaf 15, temporary 46. Cauliflower, 250 grams, Kaf 27, temporary 48.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Eggs (as above). Poultry: Physical workers, 500 grams, Nun 3 and 4; sick persons, 875 grams, Het/Gimel 11, 500 grams, Het/Bet 11. Cabbage, Cauliflower, Bananas (as above). Expectant mothers, Bananas, 500 grams, Eggs, 8. Butter 200 grams, Gimel 1 (29 new cards). Sick persons: Bananas, 500 grams.

TEL AVIV — Poultry, 250 grams, Lamed 44, zones 1 and 2, cards Aleph, Bet and Gimel. Expectant mothers: Butter, 200 grams, Eggs 8, Gimel 1 (17 new cards). Sick persons: Butter, 100 grams (all categories); Eggs, 6, Het/Gimel 11, 3, Het Aleph and Bet 3 and 11 respectively. Rice, 50 grams. Cauliflower, 250 grams, Kaf 14, temporary 49.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Alba, Zion Square, 3703. Mekor Baruch, 31 Takhemoni, 2894.

TEL AVIV: Geula, 10 Allenby, 2275. Museum, 83 Ben Yehuda, 2491. [illegible], 19 Nahlat Benyamin. Ha'aliya, 23 Ha'aliya, 2309. Baruch, Hatikva Qr., 67405. Givat Aliya (Jaffa), 97 Rehov 4. Ramat Gan: Mazor, 50 Bialik. Givat Rambam: Rambam.

HAIFA: Hakochav, 76 Wadi Salib. Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4039. Kiryat Motzkin: Motzkin, 7202.

ORCHESTRA

The Public is requested to note the dates of

SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT NO. 7

Conductor: HEINZ FREUDENTHAL
Soloists: PAUL WITTGENSTEIN (Piano), JOSEPHA SCHOCKEN (Soprano).

"My People," Songs for Soprano and Orch. — E.W. Sternberg
Piano Concerto for the Left Hand — Ravel
Symphony No. 4 — Mahler

TEL AVIV:
Monday, March 24 — Series 1
Tuesday, March 25 — Workers
Sunday, March 30 — Series 2
Sunday, April 6 — Series 3
Tuesday, April 8 — Series 4
Monday, April 14 — Series 5
Thursday, April 17 — Series 6
HAIFA:
Wednesday, March 26 — Series 1
Thursday, March 27 — Series 2
JERUSALEM: Thursday, March [illegible]

FAREWELL CONCERT
Conductor: [illegible]
Soloists: DAVID GRUENSCHLAG and SCHLOMOH BOR (Violins)
TEL AVIV — Ohel Shem
Tonight at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets at the I.P.O. Office, 35 Allenby Rd., 11-2, 4-6, and at the Ohel Shem Box Office.

Seaman Charged On s.s. Massada Disaster

HAIFA, Monday—The sinking of the s.s. Massada off the coast of Italy in March, 1950, with a loss of six lives, was recalled in the Magistrate's Court here today, during the preliminary examination of Anosh Stampfer, a member of the crew. He is charged with having caused the death of six seamen three of them Israelis, by assuming command of the ship without holding a master's ticket, ordering to sea a lifeboat that was not seaworthy and jumping into the sea without consideration for the men in the boat.

The first prosecution witness, Mr. S. Hadari, secretary of the Ophir cooperative, testified that Stampfer was accepted as a member three weeks after the ship was acquired and that he held a ticket as a mate. When the ship was in Italy, a report arrived that the captain had resigned. Stampfer was ordered to engage another captain there.

The defence counsel, Mr. A. Hoter Ishay, charged the cooperative with criminal negligence by failing to have the crew and vessel properly examined.

Mr. S. Soudri is prosecuting. The hearing was adjourned until June 2.

ILLEGAL ENTRY

HAIFA, Monday. — Georgi Dimitro, 37, the s.s. Transilvania crew member, who left his ship here on Friday and asked for political asylum in Israel, was remanded for eight days by the Magistrates' Court here today, on a charge of illegally entering the country. It is understood that the charge was only formal, as it has not yet been decided what to do with the man.

13-year-old Witness In Karobelnik Trial

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A 13-year-old defence witness, Israel Kampe, giving evidence in the Karobelnik trial today, said that he was at his bedroom window on the morning of the death of Nissim Levi in Jaffa and saw Yehuda Karobelnik standing alone over the prostrate body of Levi. The Karobelnik dog was running about nearby.

Defence counsel, Mr. A. Gorali, claimed that the witness had given a different version to the police at the time of the crime. Mr. Gorali was not allowed to read the boy's original statement, but the prosecution pointed out that any discrepancy between the boy's statement and his later evidence would be brought out in cross examination.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

WIFE-MURDER TRIAL

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM)—Shmuel Gerasi, 52, charged with the murder of his ex-wife Mrs. Luna Slik-Gerasi, 40, in Jaffa on February 21, appeared before Magistrate Z. Waldman here today.

Gerasi's statement to the police on his surrender was read. "I stabbed my former wife when she refused to return to me," the statement said.

Had Hashish, Jailed

Sentence of five months' imprisonment was imposed on Monday by Jerusalem Chief Magistrate, Moshe Gaulan, on Yitzhak ben Meyer Amar, 30, of Musrara quarter, for the possession of two grammes of hashish.

SIX ARRESTED

Six persons were arrested on Monday morning, when about 70 demonstrated at the offices of the Jewish Agency's settlement department in Jerusalem.

The demonstrators were newcomers, living in the Kfar Zacharia *ma'bara*, who demanded another place for their permanent settlement. They broke into the offices, damaged some furniture and assaulted the policemen who were summoned to restore order. (Itim)

Togal
Quick Relief from
HEADACHE
NEURALGIA
COLDS
SCIATICA
LUMBAGO
RHEUMATISM
SWISS INVENTION
One Trial convinces

Charged for Not Sending Children to School

TEL AVIV, Monday. — In what police claimed to be the first case of its kind, a 45 year old Holon ma'bara widow was detained today for not sending her two daughters to school. Mrs. [illegible], a recent immigrant from Baghdad, told the police that her children, Rivka 11 and [illegible] 7 had refused to go to school. She was released on bail.

Text Books for Army

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The first illustrated text book on Israel geography for the use of the army, has just been published by the Army Educational Branch, Sgan Aluf Aharon Ze'ev told a press conference here today.

The book, which is prefaced by the Prime Minister, is the first of a series that will include history, Hebrew literature, mathematics and other subjects. The text books, written on the basis of a 1,000 word Hebrew vocabulary, will be used by unit commanders to give lessons to their men four hours a week.

Diamond Industry Improved

The operating surplus of the diamond industry last year was IL.2,750,000, a ten per cent increase over the sum accumulated in 1950, financial circles in Jerusalem reported yesterday. About ten per cent more workers, making 2,000 in all, were also employed in the industry in 1951 as compared with the previous year.

It also was reported that the world syndicate had granted Israel a 15 per cent increase in the amount of diamonds for the local industry.

Provident Funds Investment

The Ministry of Finance is drawing up a proposal which would compel all provident funds to invest part of their capital in the Government dollar-linked bonds, it was learned yesterday in Jerusalem.

Last week it was announced that the funds had already purchased IL.1.9m. worth of bonds, of which IL.500,000 had been bought in early March.

Two Held on Ma'bara Theft Charge

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Yitzhak Mizrahi, 22, and Yaacov Ben Shimon Sharanco, 18, were detained in a Jaffa cafe today in connection with the theft of valuables and jewellery from Mrs. Lily Zefranin, in Kfar Salameh *ma'bara* on Saturday night.

Police itemizing the goods missing estimate their value at IL.1,000, in contrast to the IL.20,000 figure given by the woman, who allegedly told the police that she had been excited when she gave that amount.

7.45 a.m.
4.45 p.m.
are the times of departure of trains from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and Haifa.

"Kompass"
Directory of Swiss Industry and Commerce, Edition 1952.
— Now obtainable from P.O.B. 1008, Tel Aviv.

6.20 a.m.
9 a.m.
2.21 p.m. (x)
6 p.m.
Departure times for trains from TEL AVIV to HAIFA
(x) From Northern Station
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9 a.m. 6 p.m.
Departure times for trains from TEL AVIV to JERUSALEM

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OF TICKETS FOR THE THIRD DRAW
OF THE MIFAL HAPAYIS (Lottery Project)
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RAMAT GAN MUNICIPALITY
URGENT NOTICE
To Taxpayers under the Jurisdiction of the Ramat Gan Municipality

Taxpayers are reminded that all tax arrears not payed by March 31, 1952, will be liable to a fine of 20% according to the law.

RAMAT GAN MUNICIPALITY
Tax Collecting Dept.

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Histadrut Backs Kupat Holim Demand

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Histadrut Executive will back Kupat Holim in its demand for greater Government support, the Histadrut Central Committee decided yesterday after a joint session with sick fund Directors. The Sick Fund is to ask Government guarantees for credits it needs.

The Central Committee vetoed a housing project in Nathanya announced by Mapam on the grounds that Histadrut housing should not be conducted on party lines.

Jordan Again Says No To Jaffa Samaritans

Jordan had again, as in previous years, refused the application of members of the Jaffa Samaritan community to cross the lines on the occasion of the Samaritan Passover in order to attend the sermons and traditional feast on Mt. Gerizim, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Samaritan Passover, the traditional sacrifice of lambs on Mt. Gerizim, will take place this year on March 25. The Jordan authorities have made the necessary preparations for the event which will be attended by the Nablus District Commissioner, "Palastin" reports.

'OSE' to Work Among Falashas

TEL AVIV, Monday. — "OSE" is to open medical institutions among the Falashas in Abyssinia, Dr. J. Shatkai and Dr. N.L. Wolf, Chairman and Director respectively of the "OSE" in Israel, told a press conference here today.

Dr. Shatkai said that he would like "OSE" to extend its activities in this country and to that end he had a promise from Mr. Berl Locker and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, of the Jewish Agency, that the organization would receive $150,000.

He also said that "OSE" would be permitted by the U.J.A. to conduct independent fund raising in the U.S. for activities in Israel. So far, he added, the main source of income for the Israel branch was South Africa.

Zealots Trial Sentences Awaited

The trial of the four zealots, Yehuda Ridder, Noah Wormser, Eliahu Raful and Mordechai Eliahu, came to a close in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday, the last two days being devoted to the final speeches for the defence, the prosecution, and the statements of the accused themselves. The sentences — maximum penalty is ten years for the possession of explosive material — are to be handed down shortly.

NOTICE

We hereby give notice that we have applied to the Nahariya Local Council for renewal of our Retailer's "ON" licence for the year 1952 for the sale of intoxicating liquors at Hotel Pension Weidenbaum Ltd.

Signed: Erich & Emma Weidenbaum,
Nahariya.

In the District Court of Tel Aviv-Jaffa — Civil Case No. 15/48.

Plaintiff:
MORITZ LOEBENSTEIN, Merchant, of No. 40 Rehov Yahalom, Ramat Gan, represented by Dr. SANDLER, advocate, whose address for service is: 122 Allenby Road, Tel Aviv.

Defendants:
1. ABRAHAM FROSCH, workman of Tel Aviv, 12 Wolovelsky Centre, represented by the advocates JOSEF SERLIN and J. ELHANANI, whose address for service is: 68 Rehov Achad Haam Tel Aviv.
2. OTTO MAY, merchant, Tel Aviv, 8 Rosenblum St.

JUDGMENT

Whereas, the Defendant No. 2 has not entered an appearance and whereas the plaintiff has waived his claim against the Defendant No. 1, I order the Defendant No. 2 to pay to the Plaintiff the sum claimed, i.e. IL.552.- (five hundred and fifty two Israel Pounds) together with legal interest at the rate of 9 per cent from 14.5.1948 with costs (except expenses of the Defendant No. 1) and IL.50.- (fifty Israel Pounds) fees for Plaintiff's advocate. With regard to the Defendant No. 1, I strike out the action without order for costs.

Delivered in open Court this 20.3.1951 in presence of Dr. SANDLER for Plaintiff.

(-) GINOSSAR
Judge

Iraq Endorses Arab Security Pact

BAGHDAD, Monday. — The Iraqi Parliament on Saturday unanimously approved the Arab League's Collective Security Pact signed by Iraq, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and the Yemen in Cairo on February 2, 1951.

The pact has now been approved by all Arab Parliaments apart from Lebanon. King Ibn Saud and Imam Ahmed of Yemen are expected to approve it before the forthcoming meeting of the Arab League Council at the end of the current month.

During the debate preceding the vote, Defence Minister Shaker al-Wadi said that Arab states should learn their lesson from the Palestine war and their mistakes during the war. "We should prepare ourselves thoroughly and quietly without, as in the past, making a big fuss about nothing."

The House also approved the resignation, of five Istiklal Party members under Mohammed Mahdi Kubba, who resigned in protest over the approval of the Government's oil agreement with the Iraqi Petroleum Company.

The Collective Security Pact is modelled on the Atlantic Pact and provides for mutual aid in case of an attack from any source, including an Arab country. Jordan at first refused to sign because it thought the states should help each other only when attacked from the outside. However, the Jordan Minister in Cairo signed the Pact last February 16. (Reuter, NEARS).

Two Policemen Bitten

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Two policemen were bitten and a third assaulted in incidents here today.

A youth from Herzlia *ma'bara*, who created a disturbance in the Jewish Agency offices, overpowered and bit a policeman and struck another. The youth was detained.

The third police casualty occurred when a constable reprimanded Ephraim ben Melech, 30, of Kfar Salama *ma'bara* for jumping off a moving bus opposite the Neve Sha'anan police station. When he was taken into the station for using abusive language and detained, he bit the policeman.

Over 250,000 persons leave the Tel Aviv Bus Terminus daily in 4,927 buses.

Notices to the Public

NOTICE IN CONNECTION WITH REGISTRATION OF OWNERS OF HOUSES IN HUNGARY RESIDENT IN ISRAEL

In connection with the nationalisation of houses in Hungary, the Hungarian Government has issued an Order, according to which owners of houses in Hungary should submit a statement of their property before April 5, 1952.

To enable the Israel Government's representatives to protect the rights of Israel residents in connection with the above Order, Israel residents concerned are hereby requested to submit to the Foreign Claims Registration Office the following details:

1) Name of owner of house and present address. 2) Location of the house and particulars of the registration at the Land Registration Dept. in Hungary. 3) Description of the house, including number of rooms. 4) Number of rented flats. 5) Owner of registration or right (i.e. by inheritance or legacy etc.).

Persons concerned are urgently requested to submit the above details—in their own interest — NOT LATER THAN MARCH 28, 1952.

Statements can be submitted by post or in person at the Foreign Claims Registration Office, JERUSALEM: 37 Rehov Hillel (former Schmidt's Girls College), P.O.B. 745; TEL AVIV: 2 Rehov Pinsker, Room 425; HAIFA: 55 Ha'atzmaut Rd., 2nd floor.

The above particulars should be submitted even if they are already registered with the Foreign Claims Registrar or at any other place.

It is advisable to fill out paras 1 and 2 in Latin characters and block capitals.

S. SHLOMAI,
Director of Foreign Claims Registration Office.

FESTIVAL STAMPS

The Post Office Management announces that on Friday, March 14, 1952, sale of 5, 15 and 40 pruta Festival Stamps was suspended at all Post Offices and Stamps Service Offices.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Sverre [illegible], of the editorial staff of the Norwegian labour daily, "Arbeiderbladet," and his wife arrived yesterday.

Mr. E. [illegible], correspondent of the "Daily Mirror," New York, and editor of the B'nai B'rith "Metropolitan Star," has arrived in Jerusalem.

Sgan Aluf Michael [illegible], head of the Chief of Staff's office, has been granted extended leave of absence from the Army.

Claire [illegible], the parodist, left Israel yesterday by SAS for Copenhagen.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The members of [illegible] wish to express their deepest sympathy to their colleague, Lothar Jacobus, on the death of his father, Mr. Samuel Jacobus.

'Zena' Parties For Independence Day

Israel diplomatic representatives abroad have been instructed not to hold lavish Independence Day parties, a Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman announced yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem.

"In view of local *zena* conditions," the spokesman said, "Israel nationals abroad will be invited to drink a toast to the occasion, but that's all."

The Israel Chemists Org.
Jerusalem.

Dr. F. Yaron (of the Israel Research Council) will lecture tonight at Terra Santa College (Room 24) at 8 p.m. on "The Origin of the Dead Sea."

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PARNASSUS

The Polytech Chorus of Finland

(55 members) with their conductor OSSI ELOKAS, have arrived by special plane as part of their world tour, for a four-day tour.

The only concerts of the Chorus under the esteemed auspices of [illegible] Finnish Consul General in Israel, and the Finnish Consul, Mr. A. Friedmann, will take place as follows:

JERUSALEM: Thursday, March 27, at 8.30 p.m. at the [illegible] Cinema.

HAIFA: Friday, March 28, at 4 p.m. at the Armon Cinema. (In aid of War of Liberation Invalids Funds).

KIRYAT HAIM: Friday, March 28, at 8.30 p.m. at the "Beit Ha'am" Hall. (In aid of the War of Liberation Invalids Fund).

TEL AVIV: Saturday, March 29, at 9.00 p.m. at the "Ohel Shem."